

To the people of Gem County

In the summer of 2019, PAL started a voucher program for low-cost cat sterilizations. It has been very successful, with over one thousand vouchers sold to date. This program was available for feral cats as well as domesticated cats located in Gem County.

PAL would sell each voucher for \$20, and the cat would be sterilized at Animal Medical Center, a local vet.

Even though the public was only paying \$20, PAL was paying the remainder of each surgery, which was running between \$10 - \$40 additional per animal.

The cost to PAL is now becoming prohibitive, and beginning February 1st, we are making some changes to this program.

- Only feral cats will be eligible for a voucher. Domestic cat owners will no longer be able to purchase a voucher.
- Existing vouchers will still be honored for domestic cats, but please get them done soon.
- Each animal must be brought to the vet in an animal trap, which helps to identify that they are indeed feral.
- Each animal's right ear will be clipped during the surgery. This is an easy way to identify feral cats that have been fixed.
- No other services are covered by this fee. Any additional services need to be covered by the person bringing in the cat.

If you have domestic cats that are unfixed, we strongly urge you to have them sterilized.

This will help with the overpopulation of cats in Gem County, and will help prevent the suffering that can occur to kittens without a home.

Join us in helping every animal to have a loving supportive home and a healthy life!

If you can, please help keep this wonderful program running by making a donation **specifically** for the voucher program at PAL.

If you have questions about this program please contact PAL at 208-365-1359, or stop by and see us during business hours at 1526 N Washington Ave, Emmett.